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Acting Comptroller

18 November 1953

Assistant Comptroller ✓

Comments Concerning Recommendations contained in Auditor-in-Chief's  
Inspection Report of 6 November 1953

Suggest action along following lines in connection with  
recommendations in subject memo:

- a. Recommend a meeting between DD/A, DD/P, Auditor-in-Chief  
and Comptroller to:
  1. Determine if DD/A and DD/P agree in principle with the  
recommendations made.
  2. Assuming that they do agree in principle with the  
recommendations -- Determine the specific course of  
action necessary to implement recommendations.

I suggest that the Comptroller's position be that he  
agrees in principle with the general recommendations  
made, except items IV - 5, 6, and 9, but implementation  
requires joint action by DD/P and Comptroller to put in  
force and effect. The development of specific procedures  
affecting operational matters as well as financial con-  
trols is required. Items 5 and 6 are for decision of the  
DD/A and DCI. Item 9 cannot be made effective until  
other items are implemented, since the personnel and  
factual information required for such reports does not  
now exist at field stations.

- b. Comptroller's Office (TAS with assistance of Finance  
Division) should [REDACTED] covering both  
items 8 and 12, clear with DD/P, [REDACTED]
- c. Finance Division (Monetary) should draft an amendment to  
[REDACTED]
- d. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 11 are matters requiring joint  
DD/P and Comptroller action. It is suggested that a Task

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Group, consisting of a representative of Comptroller, O & M, Audit, and DD/P be designated to devote full time to the development of specific procedures covering these points. I believe it is particularly important that the DD/P member of such a Task Group be a person whom the DD/P knows to be "operationally" qualified to represent his office, to insure that the instructions and procedures developed give adequate consideration to security, cover, and operational problems. If the DD/P will appoint an individual to such a Task Group, in whom he has complete confidence and will authorize such individual to concur on behalf of DD/P in instructions developed, then we can issue appropriate regulations covering the above mentioned items. Any attempt to get full concurrence from all the DD/P desks, divisions, staffs, etc. would bog the project down indefinitely, because there are just so many divergent opinions and viewpoints that voluntary concurrence by all elements concerned on any uniform procedure covering these items at this time is not possible.

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